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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: COUNTRY PROBLEM ASSESSMENT PAPERS

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF A PAPER DESCRIBING NARCOTICS PROBLEM IN YOUR COUNTRY AS IT RELATES TO UNITED STATES DRUG SCENE. TREAT THIS AS SECRET-NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. THIS IS AN INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT WHICH HAS JUST BEEN PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH FY1976 PROGRAM REVIEWS. ANY COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ARISING FROM MISSION NARCOTICS COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THIS PAPER SHOULD BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY CABLE. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE AT MEXICO CITY REGIONAL CONFERENCE MAY ALSO WISH DISCUSS THIS ASSESSMENT PAPER WITH WASHINGTON REPS THERE.

2. BEGING TEXT: SIGNIFICANCE: CHILE IS A LARGE PRO-CESSOR OF ILLICIT COCAINE MADE FROM COCA SMUGGLED IN FROM BOLIVIA AND PERU. NEITHER OPIUM OR COCA IS GROWN IN ANY SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES IN CHILE. CHILE IS NOT AN IMPORTANT TRANSIT POINT FOR HEROIN SHIPMENTS TO THE US, BUT THE POTENTIAL IS PRESENT. TRAFFICKING PATTERNS AND LABORATORY
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ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED BY INCREASED ENFORCEMENT

EFFORTS; SOME TRAFFICKERS HAVE APPARENTLY SHIFTED THEIR ROUTES OR MOVED OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO ESCAPE THE PRESSURE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN.

PROBLEMS: THE GOVERNMENT HAS COOPERATED WITH THE US IN EXPULSIONS OF MAJOR COCAINE TRAFFICKERS, BUT SOME ACCUSED TRAFFICKERS HAVE CHARGED THAT THEIR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED IN THE PROCESS. OTHER ACCUSED TRAFFICKERS MAY FOLLOW SUIT.

ASSESSMENT: THE GOVERNMENT'S VIGOROUS AND DETERMINED DRUG CONTROL EFFORT IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE LIMITATIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO DO THE JOB. END TEXT

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